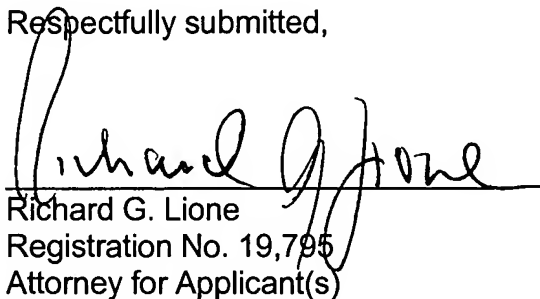


REMARKS

Generic Claim 1 has been amended to restrict component (D) coverage to formulas (9) and (10). Applicants elect species 8 without traverse. It should be noted, however, that species 8 and 9 (formulas 9 and 10) relate to a single general inventive concept having common structure. Specifically, these two species comprise common cyclic neopentanetetrayl bisphosphite (pentaerythritoldiphosphite) components and have corresponding ester interchange depression effects.

Claims 2-16 depend from Claim 1, either directly or indirectly. None are limited to the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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